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AMERICAN STEAMER MAY BE HELD TO BE A LAWFUL PRIZE OF WAR

ITALY CLAIMS SUCCESS WON IN ADVANCES

Invasion of Austrian Territory Steadily Progresses, Say Reports—Aviators Bombard Trieste City—Italians Declare Blockade of Austro-Hungary Ports—Occupy Towns as the Enemy Retires

[Associated Press by P. C. Cable.]

PARIS, France, May 26.—Italy has declared a blockade of the ports of Austria-Hungary.

ROME, Italy, May 26.—The Italian armies have occupied Austrian territory from Lombardy to the Adriatic, have seized various towns in the Trentino and forced their way through the mountain defiles. Before their onslaught the Austrians are retiring, destroying railroads and bridges as they go. Italian aviators have bombarded Monfalcone, on the gulf of Trieste, and the Italians are advancing toward Lanzo river.

PLAN TO FAVOR AMERICAN SHIPS UPHELD BY COURT

But "Favored Nations" Are Also to Get Five Per Cent Import Discount

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The clause in the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill granting a rebate of 5 per cent on goods imported in American bottoms was upheld today by the court of customs appeals. The court holds, however, that merchandise imported in vessels of nations with which the United States has the so-called "favored nation" treaties must receive a similar discount. The matter will probably be appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

COLLISION ON ATLANTIC HAS SERIOUS RESULT

[Associated Press by P. C. Cable.]
NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—The steamer Ryndam, bound for Rotterdam with 77 passengers and a valuable cargo, ran into collision southwest of Nantucket lightship with the steamer Joseph Cuneo bound from Boston for Cuba. The passengers and part of the crew of the Ryndam were transferred to the U. S. warship South Carolina, warships having responded to the S. O. S. call. The Cuneo's bow is smashed. The Ryndam is taking water rapidly. Both are en route to New York, warships conveying.

GREECE'S KING IN DANGER YET

LONDON, Eng., May 26.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece continues critical.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Sugar: 96 degree test, 4.89 cents. Previous quotation, 4.92 cents.

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Structural and Ornamental Iron
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Unknown Choice of Mayor Lane is Proving Coy

As yet Mayor Lane has received no answer to his offer of appointment as supervisor to succeed the late James C. Quinn, which offer was made yesterday to a "satisfactory citizen" whose name has not been made public. "As soon as the gentleman makes answer, I will make public my choice for Mr. Quinn's successor," said the mayor today. "He is a man who is popular with commercial and civic organizations, and with the public at large."

Rumor is busy with the names of Carlos Long and Charles N. Marquez as likely to have met with the mayor's favor in making the appointment.

METER SYSTEM IS ADVOCATED FOR HONOLULU

Directors of Chamber of Commerce Think Result Would Be Water Rate Cut

That the establishment of a meter system would be the only economical solution to the problem of the water works which brought on an increase of rate charges, is the trend of the speeches being made by many members at the chamber of commerce meeting this afternoon.

Secretary Raymond C. Brown reported having interviewed assistant manager Harry Murray, and learned that the increases in rates would bring about a uniform charge for all users. The old arbitrary system of charge would be abolished, and users of water would be charged according to square feet of irrigated property and square feet of improvement space, was Mr. Murray's view.

George R. Carter spoke upon the great waste of water, as did Emil Berndt and others. Mr. Carter cited figures to prove that cities of the mainland are able to reduce consumption from 40 to 60 per cent by using meters. It would then be possible to tell how much water was supplied and how much consumed. With the waste once cut down there would be a corresponding decrease in the cost of maintenance and eventually a lowering of rates. Mr. Carter said the supervisors should consider installing water meters with a low rate, and let the system pay for itself.

The matter was referred to the committee on county and municipal affairs to investigate the justice of the increased water rate, in its relation to the cost of supplying water.

The amendment to the by-laws of the chamber as proposed by the Promotion Committee relating to the addition to its membership of committeemen from the other islands, was adopted as amended to agree with Act 175 of the legislature.

KNIFE WOUNDS TO BLAME FOR BRIDE'S DEATH

"The deceased, Kim Ching Hee, came to her death by a wound inflicted by a weapon in the hand of Pak Chi Ser," was the verdict of the jury summoned this afternoon by Coroner Asch to hold an inquest in the matter of the death of the pretty little Korean "picture bride" who was killed by her husband on Liliua street Monday evening.

Evidence was given by Police Surgeon M. B. Emerson, who testified as to the character of the wound, by Sam Kukuli, a bystander who witnessed the assault; by two daughters of Officer Apana, and by Sam Apana, a small boy, who was the only one to see the knife used. A shot was fired during the assault and a bullet was found in the woman's body. Pak Chi Ser will now be tried for murder.

BECKER TO BE EXECUTED DURING WEEK OF JULY 12

[Associated Press by P. C. Cable.]
ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—The state supreme court having refused to interfere, the execution of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker of New York has been set for the week of July 12.

SUGAR DEALERS IN EAST THINK PRICE WILL HOLD

General Feeling on Mainland Is For a Continuance of Good Figure, Says J. P. Cooke

EXPECT DEMOCRATS TO ENACT TARIFF REVENUE

Finds Sentiment In Favor of More Appropriations For Defenses

"Sugar dealers in New York and other centers on the mainland all feel that the price of sugar will remain high for many months," said J. P. Cooke, president and manager of Alexander & Baldwin, Limited, who returned to the islands yesterday after a trip, which took him to several of the cities on the Atlantic coast.

"The consensus of opinion among those interested in sugar is that there will be no decided slump in price during the continuance of the war, and the great cut in production on the continent of Europe."

"As to the tariff, I find that a great change has taken place. Businessmen, not alone sugar men but bankers and other well informed people, seem to feel satisfied that the Democrats will have to put a revenue tariff on sugar."

"It is commonly known that the Democrats face a big deficit, and that the national revenues have been curtailed by business conditions arising from the war. The war tax upon exports is unpopular, so that a revenue tariff on sugar is held to be the only alternative for the party now in power, though no one seems to think that President Wilson has changed his personal views on free sugar."

"There is on the mainland a rapidly growing sentiment in favor of a larger army and navy, which will probably have its effect on legislation. Any army and navy increases will cost money and will bring the revenue question more prominently to the fore."

Mr. Cooke has no information concerning a rumored intention of shipping companies to increase freight rates on sugar.

While he was on the mainland Mr. Cooke had the gratification of seeing a final settlement of the W. J. Lowrie suit against the Alexander & Baldwin and allied interests, which has been dragging through the courts for eight years.

In 1907 Mr. Lowrie, former manager of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, brought suit for \$400,000, alleging wrongful dismissal from the management of the company. The case was finally concluded in the Massachusetts courts, the plaintiff being given a verdict awarding him \$1. The costs were divided between plaintiff and defendant.

PINEAPPLE MEN MAKE REDUCTION IN PRICE LISTS

Discount of Two and a Half Per Cent Announced In Annual Packers' Schedule

A voluntary reduction in the price of canned pineapple and cannery products has been made by the Hawaii pineapple packers. Notices of the reduction are contained in the annual price lists just issued, which fix prices at a discount of 2 1/2 per cent on the basis of the prices prevailing last year.

The issuing of the pineapple packers price lists is made somewhat later than usual this year, the uncertainty of markets having made the packers hesitate before fixing prices. The reduction was finally determined upon, however, largely because of the lessened consumption due to the cutting off of the markets of Europe on account of the international war, and the consequent advisability of increasing the demand by making pineapples cheaper.

Canned goods men generally are expecting a tremendous call for goods of all kinds from Europe when once the war is over. Practically all the European nations, whether involved in the conflict or not, have curtailed buying orders, and the end of the war will find depleted stocks in all countries, with the United States as the only logical market at which they may be replenished.

ROBBER WAITS IN SHADOW OF TIERS OF BOOKSHELVES

Springs Upon Assistant Librarian, Knocks Him Down, and Gets Away With Money

SMALL HAUL BY THIEF WHO TAKES BIG RISKS

Only \$28.70 Secured By Robber—Four People In Building at Time of Crime

Robbery and assault among the bookshelves of the public library was the bold crime committed a few minutes after 9 o'clock last night when Mariano Aurelio, the Filipino assistant, was knocked senseless and robbed of a money bag containing \$28.70 of the library's funds.

The whole affair is puzzling to the police who questioned Mariano last night. The reading room was deserted, but the two Korean desk boys, Cap Choy and Han Yung, were still checking books less than 30 feet from the scene of the assault. William Zen, the Chinese janitor, was in a room in the Ewa wing of the building when he was called to the scene by a cry from Mariano.

The story is that Mariano counted the cash in the drawer and found \$10 in gold and \$18.70 in silver. As was customary, he put the money in a bag to lock in the office safe. He had proceeded only 20 feet on his way when he was assaulted. He describes his assailant as a short man, clad in a dark coat with light trousers. Upon hearing Mariano cry the other three boys rushed to the passage to find the Filipino boy lying in a heap with an ugly swelling over the eye. The third window in the rear of the book racks was found to be open when the lights were flashed, but there was no sign of the assailant.

The police were called and they learned that Zen had locked all the windows early in the evening, and the only way to open them was from the second floor. Mariano was taken to the station for questioning and later to his home. He is not badly injured but is nervously upset over his experience.

Large sums of money are never kept in the library, the amount of coin on hand rarely being more than \$10. Money is not handled at the institution, except in the cases of small fines being paid by patrons who have kept books out longer than the prescribed time limit.

MURDERER GETS NOT LESS THAN 20 YEARS' LABOR

James Kaiona, Pleading Guilty to First Degree Charge, Is Sentenced

Not less than 20 years at hard labor in Oahu prison was the sentence pronounced by Circuit Judge Ashford today on James Kaiona, who was indicted by the territorial grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree.

When the case was called this morning Kaiona entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. In sentencing the defendant Judge Ashford remitted the costs of the case.

Kaiona was arrested by the police May 3, on a charge of shooting Lucy Kahue at Palama. The woman, who was an attendant at the insane asylum and who is said to have been Kaiona's divorced wife, died the next day at the Queen's hospital.

In court today Kaiona said that he had not intended to shoot the woman. He had decided to kill himself, as he was still in love with Lucy Kahue, but she refused to have anything to do with him. They were in a house at Palama. As he went to shoot himself, he told the court, the woman grappled with him and in the scuffle the gun went off, three shots being fired. The woman was wounded in the leg and abdomen. The third shot missed.

Under the indeterminate sentence Kaiona may remain in prison for the remainder of his life unless paroled or pardoned after the 20-year sentence has expired.

Kaiser William witnessed a battle participated in by the First Guards Division in Galicia.

FIRST REPORT OF ATTACK ON AMERICAN STEAMER IS MET WITH GRAVE CONCERN

MISSILE FROM SUBMARINE CRIPPLES FREIGHTER; CREW SAFE; SHIP IS RETURNING TO LIVERPOOL

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable.)
NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—The American-Hawaiian freighter Nebraskan, torpedoed in the "war-zone," is under charter to the White Star line.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—By international decision a vessel in the British service is a lawful prize.

LONDON, England, May 26.—The American-Hawaiian steamer Nebraskan, in ballast from Liverpool for Delaware Breakwater, has been torpedoed by a submarine southwest of Fastnet, Ireland.

The torpedo struck the big freighter well forward. The foreholds filled with water. The crew are safe. According to news received by Lloyds insurance offices and made public, the Nebraskan later passed Kinsale, bound for Queenstown, Ireland, under her own steam.

Fastnet is a rocky headland off the southwest coast of Ireland. On it is a lighthouse, said to be the first on the route of a vessel as it swings around the south of Ireland to steam into St. George's channel and the Irish sea.

It is considered certain here that the Nebraskan was flying an American flag at the time she was torpedoed. The American-Hawaiian steamers are also of distinctive rig and general aspect.

HONOLULU THOUGHT TO BE CREW MEMBER OF THE NEBRASKAN

At least one Honolulu man is believed to be a member of the crew of the Nebraskan, torpedoed in the war-zone. Joseph Kruat, a hilloole, well-known on the water front, was with the vessel when last heard from and is thought to have accompanied her on the trips to and from Europe.

BUSINESSMEN OF CHINA GREETED BY MR. WILSON

President Expresses Nation's Interest In Young Republic of the Orient

[Associated Press by P. C. Cable.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—President Wilson today welcomed the Chinese business men, representing chambers of commerce of their country, who are on a visit to the United States. The president in a brief address of welcome declared that the people are deeply and sympathetically interested in China, and that there is an unlimited future before the great republic.

PACIFIC MAIL TO DECIDE ON RAILROAD OWNERSHIP

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—The stockholders of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company today discussed the severance of the company from the Southern Pacific railroad interests, the interstate commerce commission standing by the Panama canal tolls act, under the provisions of which ships under railroad ownership in whole or in part cannot use the canal. A statement may be issued tomorrow.

MRS. STUYVESANT FISH DEAD FROM HEMORRHAGE

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, noted in the social life of two continents, died today of hemorrhage.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Detroit—Detroit 10, Washington 5.
At Chicago—Chicago 7, New York 6.
No other games: rain.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
All National League games postponed; rain.

Congressmen Are Gravely Disturbed

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 26.—Returning from their tour of the Hawaiian Islands, congressmen were shocked and deeply disturbed at the news of the torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan.

"If any nation has torpedoed the Nebraskan knowingly," declared Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, "it amounts to a declaration of war. The United States should await full details before taking any action in this crisis."

Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina said:

"This may mean an extra session of congress. It gives a new complexion to the situation."

Representative D. R. Anthony of Kansas said:
"If the Germans have attacked the Nebraskan with submarines, there is only one thing short of a declaration of war. That is for the United States to seize the German ships interned in the United States and hold them until reparation is made."

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—Consul-general Robert P. Skinner of London has cabled that the Nebraskan was torpedoed. She was en route to fulfill a contract for her owners to carry naval coal from Newport News to San Francisco.

LONDON, England, May 26.—The Nebraskan is reported to have passed Queenstown, Ireland, en route for Liverpool.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—Captain Green of the steamer Nebraskan has sent a message here that the disaster to the vessel was due either to a mine or a torpedo. He is returning to Liverpool.

The American-Hawaiian freighter Nebraskan last visited Honolulu in October, 1911, when it loaded 5500 tons of sugar for San Francisco. Capt. G. Knight, then master of the vessel, has been identified with it since that date, but despatches today mention the name of "Green" as master, and this is probably Captain Greene, the well-known American-Hawaiian skipper.

For some years the Nebraskan and the Nevada, sister ships, were operated between San Francisco, Honolulu and island sugar ports. When the larger freighters of the Virginian and Arizonan type were placed in commission in the Pacific the Nebraskan, Nevada and several smaller vessels were withdrawn. For some time they traded along the Pacific coast between Seattle and Salina Cruz.

The Nebraskan was built at Camden, N. J., yards in 1902. The vessel was rated at 4408 tons. It was 360 feet long, 46.2 feet beam and 24.6 feet depth.

The Nebraskan, with several other American-Hawaiian steamers, were chartered the last of the year to carry supplies from the east coast of the United States to Great Britain and Europe. The Nebraskan made two trips from Galveston to Germany, landing each time a full cargo of cotton at Bremen.

Both Captain Knight and Captain Green are well known to Honolulu shipping men.

A few weeks ago Captain Greene, commander of the Nevada, also chartered to take supplies to the warring nations, sent a postcard to a Honolulu sailor: "I am now a submarine dodger."

The Nebraskan represents the first loss to the American-Hawaiian line in the war zone since the beginning of hostilities.

The steamer now limping into Liverpool harbor under its own steam is provided with twin screws. While in the Honolulu trade the Nebraskan had accommodation for 12 passengers.

When the federal law went into effect more than a year ago the Nebraskan, like other vessels in the fleet, was fitted with wireless telegraph. The Nebraskan left New York on May 7 for Liverpool. It is believed to have carried a full cargo for Great Britain. Under ordinary steaming conditions it should have reached destination about May 16. Allowing several days for the discharge of its freight the Nebraskan would have been on its way to the United States at the time the disaster is reported to have occurred.

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